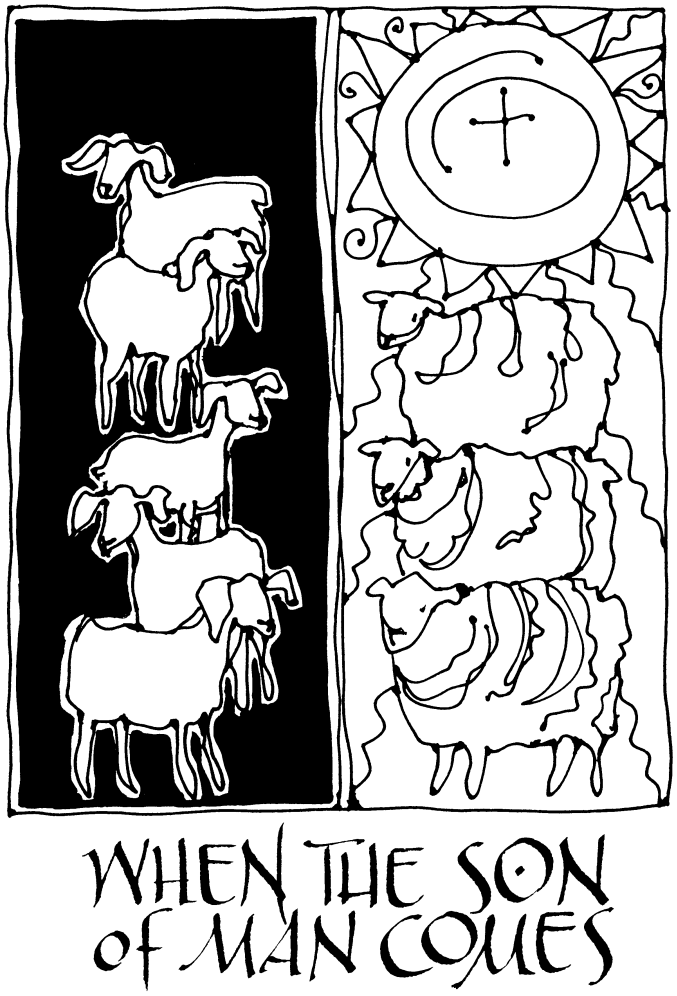
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NOVEMBER 22, 2026
CHRIST THE KING

November 22, 2026
Christ the King

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* - arr. George J. Elvey

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

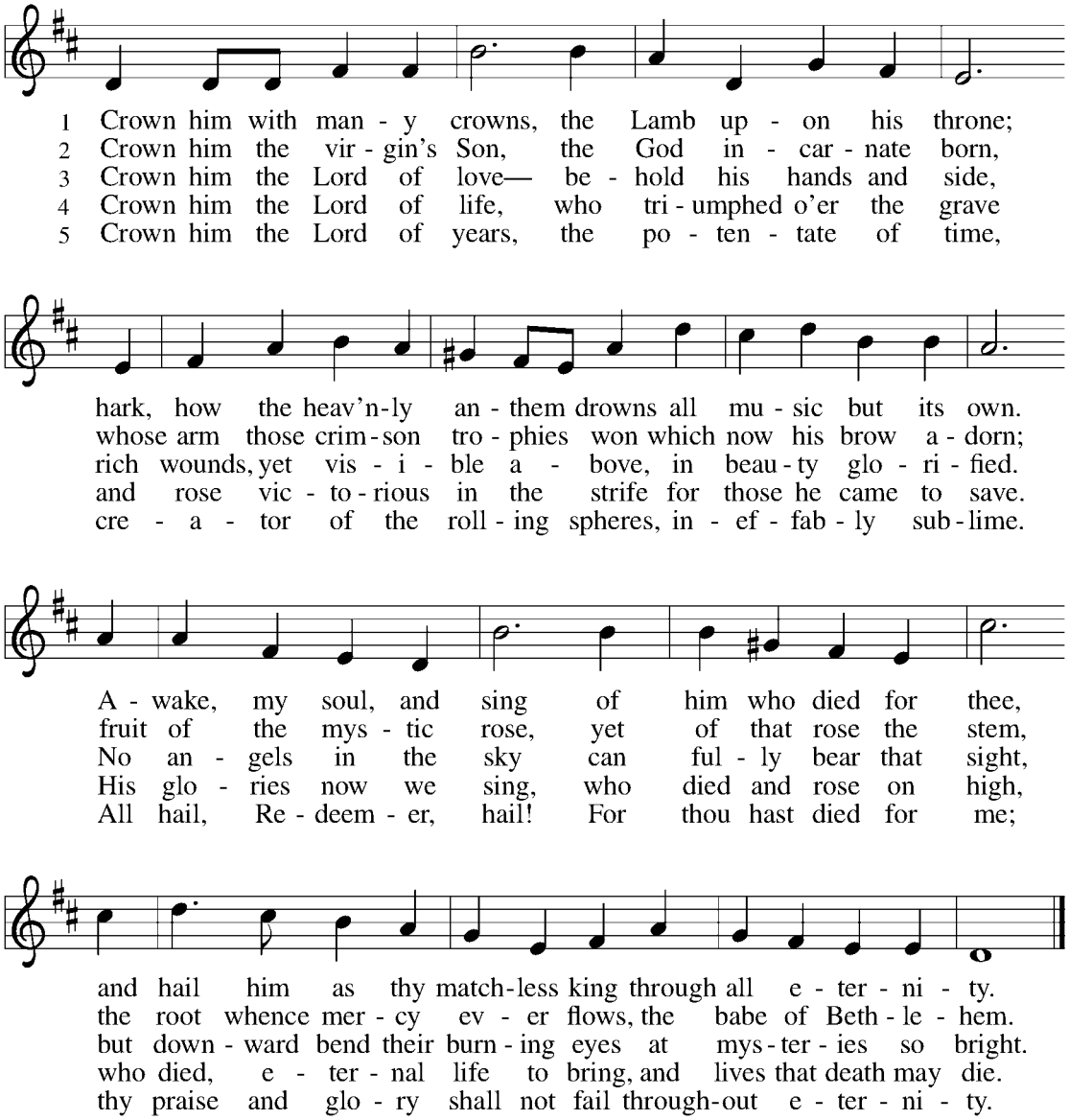
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

*GATHERING SONG *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (ELW 855)

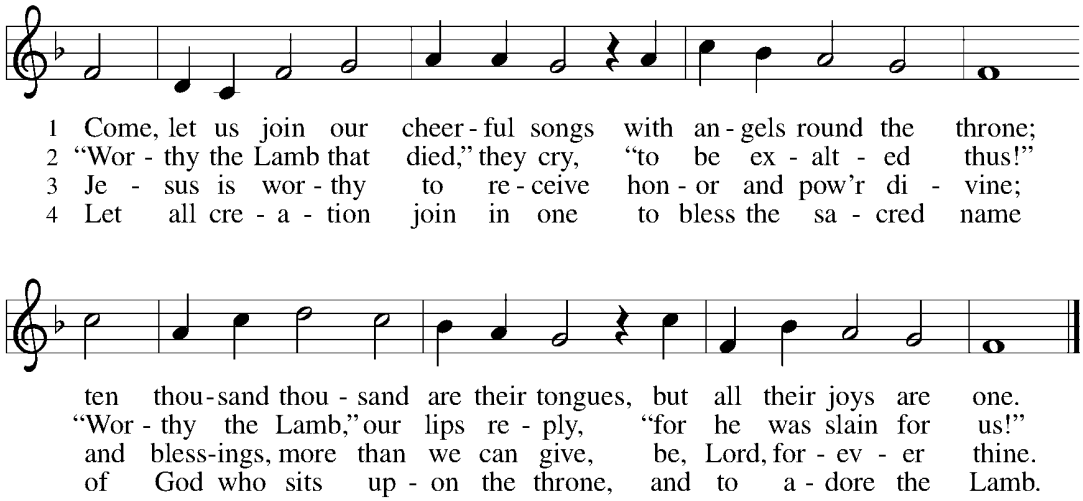


Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE** ***Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs **(ELW 847)**



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: NUN DANKET ALL, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Beautiful Savior* - David Allen

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD *will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The* LORD *will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from
the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of
Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them
with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall
lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of
Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says
the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the

injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a
(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

[1] Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
[3] For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours.
[5] The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
[7a] For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his

power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.
[34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they

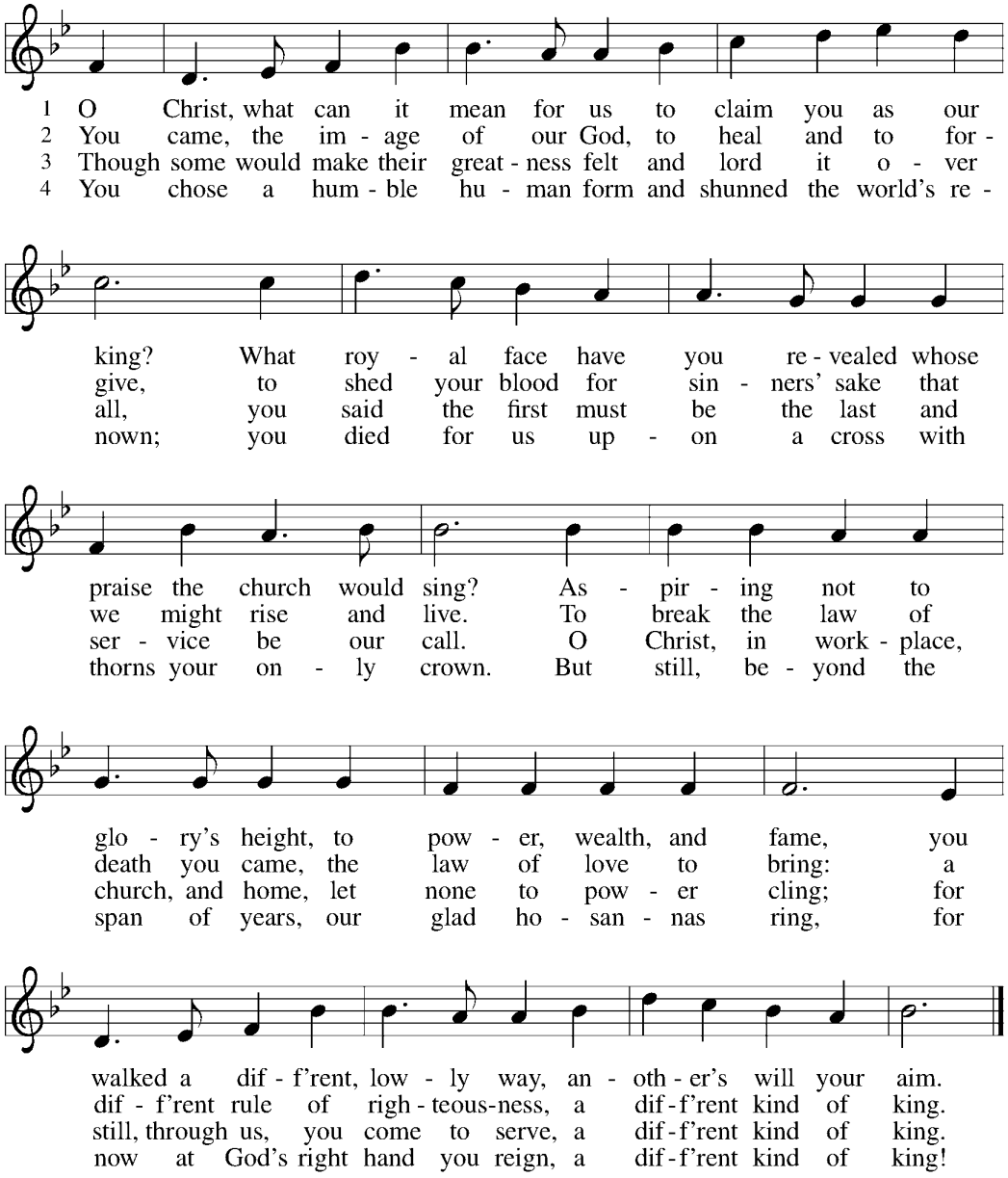
also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ [45] Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Michael Allwein

*Please stand as you are able for the final verse.

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us* (ELW 431)



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902
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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (please respond)
P: God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (Hillert)* (ELW 182)



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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*OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

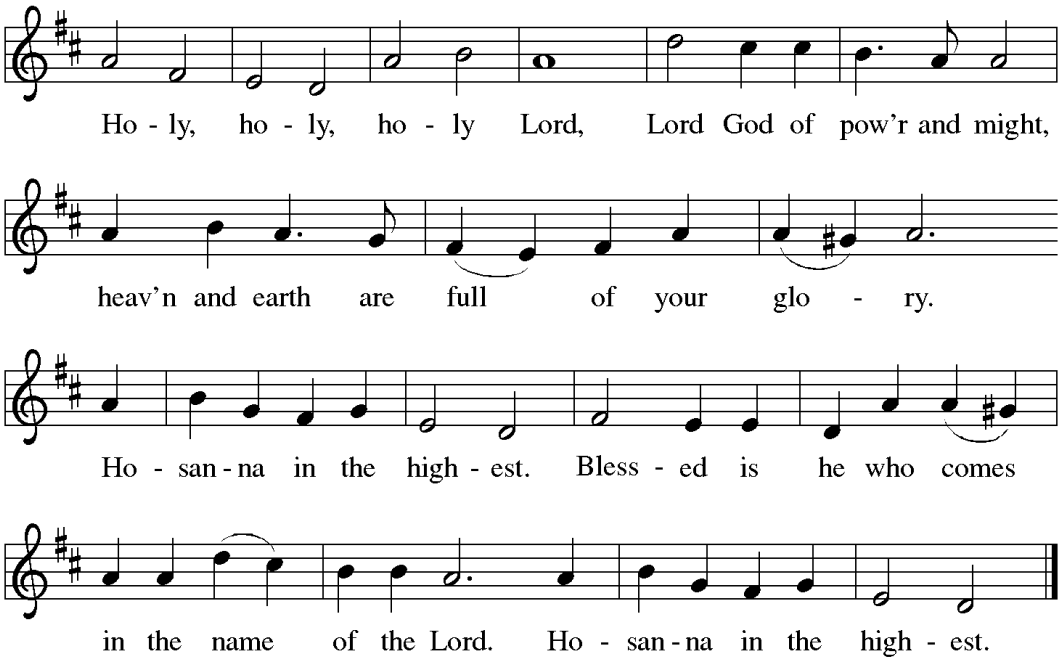
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray in song as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

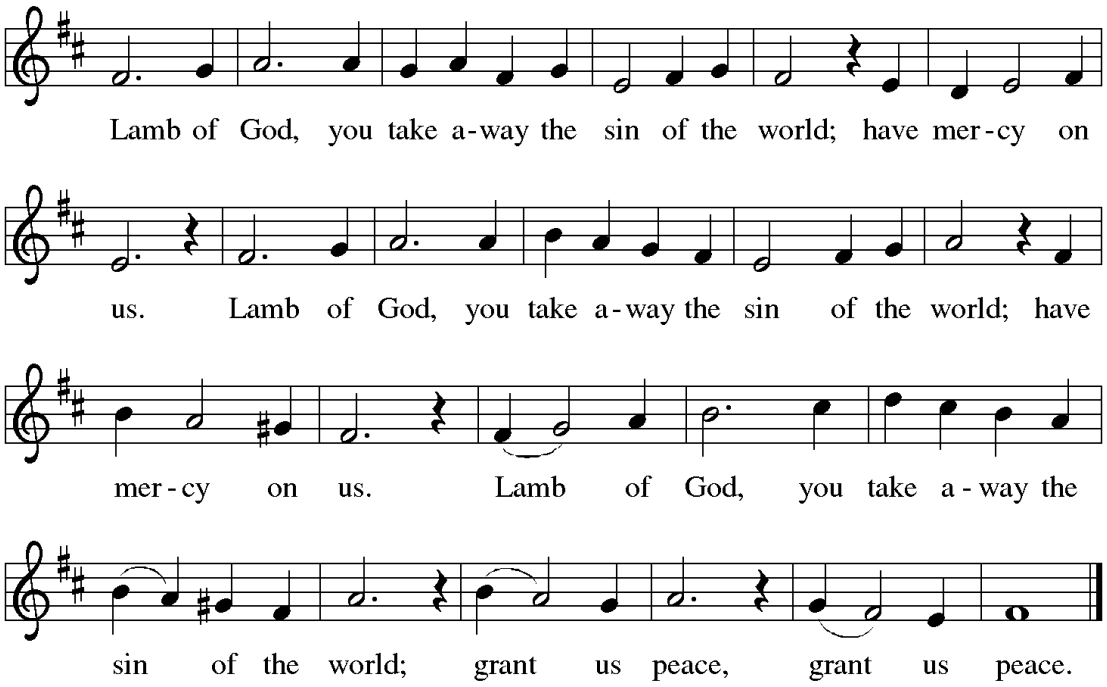
***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)



COMMUNION TIME FOR QUIET MEDITATION

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

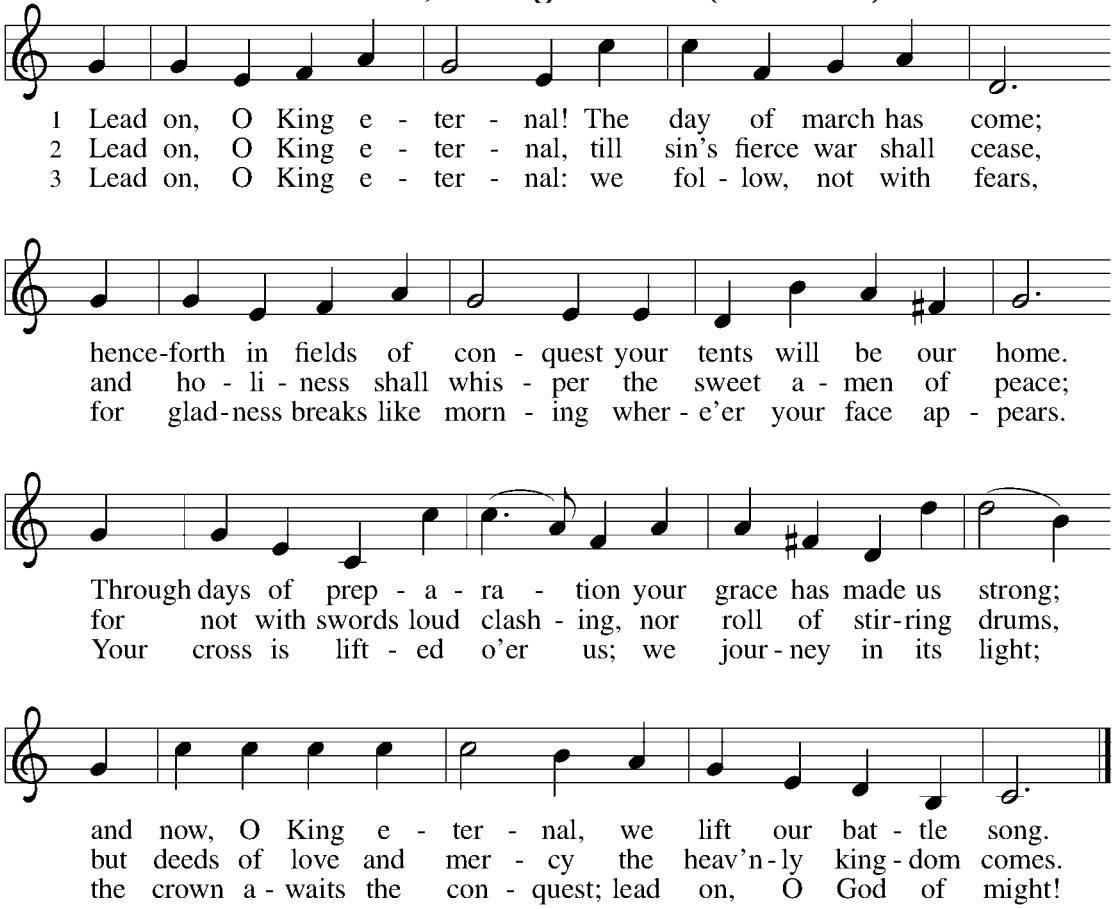
***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

The holy Trinity,
Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG *Lead On, O King Eternal!* (ELW 805)**



Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE *Lead On, O King Eternal* - arr. Benjamin M. Culli

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Attendance last Sunday……29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the glory of God.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Any pastoral care or concerns can be addressed to Pastor Christopher Frye, Dean of the Chambersburg Conference at 717-261-1213 (St. Luke's Church, Scotland).

Please welcome Pastor Michael Allwein with a warm "thank you" for leading our worship service this morning.

Prayer requests for the following*: family and friends of Nancy Marshall, Donald Detwiler, Clif Rau, Glenn Wildeson, Ellie Martin, Ina Shreiner, Dick & Vicki Reichard, Dick Amt, Phil Johnson, Betty Amt, Marie Dovey, Amy Eichelberger, Paul Steiding, Sam Brooks, Kaitlyn Dovey, Patsy Wildeson, James Bersch, Kristen Hardman, Charles Carl, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Becky Ensinger, all the Homebound, and our world & country. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*
Please Be Aware: ***We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.***

Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29 and on each of the 3 Sundays in December, we will provide an opportunity for all of us to sing Christmas carols prior to worship. The carols are found in our ELW hymnal #267 - #300. Look through these hymns and pick out your favorite carol or carols and come prepared to join in singing some of the beautiful carols found in our hymnal. We will begin at 10:05 AM and conclude by 10:15 AM, when we will then transition into preparing for our Advent worship service.

Social Ministry has a sign-up sheet in the Sunday School Room for Salvation Army Ringing the Bells on Monday, November 30 at the Butcher Shoppe. If you are willing to serve, please sign up.

The 36th Annual Antietam Battlefield Illumination will take place on **Saturday, December 5th.** This is a very fulfilling and emotional event which honors the 23,110 casualties which occurred during the battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862. Volunteers are greatly needed to set up and light the luminaries. Solomon's is responsible for setting up and lighting approximately 720 luminaries. Volunteers should be at our field (by the lookout tower), no later than 8:30 AM. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be in the Sunday School room. For further information please contact Bonney Coldsmith.

Attention all members – Please plan to attend our upcoming Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 13 immediately following our worship service. We will be casting our second vote to leave ELCA and join The Association of Free Lutheran Churches.

Social Ministry is collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry during the month of November. Items needed are toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, Kleenex, etc. Please place items in the container under coat rack next to mailboxes.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

Power Pack Meals - Social Ministry is once again collecting nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need during the 2026-2027 school year. Please place the items in the container in the Sunday School room. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put *Power Pack Meals* in the memo line, or place cash in an envelope and mark *power pack*.

The 2026 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room. Please sign up for as many as you can.

Music Notes/Hymn Notes:

Our gathering song this morning, "Crown Him with Many Crowns," was written by two separate authors, Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), each version with six verses. Most hymnals select from the twelve stanzas. The tune used is "Diademata," suggesting diadems or crowns, and matches the striking first line of poetry with an equally memorable first line of music. "Crown Him with Many Crowns," is a hymn that declares we are to crown our Lord with many crowns. Christ was not simply a prophet, He was not simply the carpenter's son, and He was not simply human, nor simply divine. Rather, this call to "crown him with many crowns" is a simple and yet profound declaration that Christ is many things, and everything. He is the Lord of all. Each crown represents a different aspect of who Christ is – Lord of life, Lord of love, Lord of years, Lord of heaven, the Lamb upon the throne. Christ is King, Servant, Lamb, Shepherd, and we celebrate this all-encompassing nature of our Savior by crowning Him the Lord of all. (hymnary.org; and Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins, Austin C. Lovelace, pg. 27).

When Ernest Shurtleff's seminary class was preparing for graduation, they turned to Ernest, who had written two volumes of poetry, and asked him to write a hymn for their graduation ceremony. He wrote today's sending song, "Lead On, O King Eternal" for that occasion. This hymn is really a prayer…a prayer for God's guidance. It speaks of marching and "fields of conquest" and "battle song" – not because it celebrates war, but because it acknowledges the daily struggle in which good people must engage against evil. It looks forward to the celebration of victory, not with clashing swords and stirring drums, but with "deeds of love and mercy," acknowledging that Christ calls us to conquer the world by demonstrating love and showing mercy rather than by using force. The hymn acknowledges the difficulties of the Christian life, standing armed only with holiness against "sin's fierce war." It acknowledges the reality of the cross, but celebrates the reality of the crown, the reward of those who are faithful. It closes with, "Lead on, O God of might!" It truly seems a fitting sending song as we close worship today and go out to do God's work in His Kingdom. (lectionary.org).

A note on this morning's anthem, *Beautiful Savior*. David Allen has written an original tune to the familiar text we know for *Beautiful Savior.* The choir will begin the anthem by humming the familiar tune, with harmonization provided by only the altos. The piano part then transitions into Mr. Allen's beautiful original melody for this well-loved hymn. My thanks to the choir for their continued faithful work each week as we prepare special music to hopefully enhance your worship experience.